

### Remarks/Arguments

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 11, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 1-9 have been allowed, claims 23, 25-27 and 29-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102, and claims 20-22, 24, 28 and 31-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claims 20-32 have been cancelled without prejudice. Thus, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claimed invention.

### *Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance*

Applicants are assuming that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is to be taken in light of the structure and interaction recited in the claims. Applicants note that the Examiner's various comments should not be used to read non-existent limitations into the claims.

### *Conclusion*

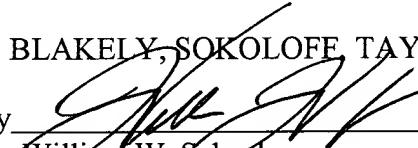
Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Dated: March 13, 2006

By \_\_\_\_\_

  
William W. Schaal

Reg. No. 39,018

Tel.: (714) 557-3800 (Pacific Coast)

12400 Wilshire Boulevard, Seventh Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90025

---

### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 CFR 1.8A)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

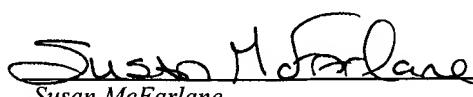
MAILING

FACSIMILE

deposited with the United States Postal Service  
as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:  
Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and  
Trademark Office.

Date: 3/13/2006

  
Susan McFarlane

3/13/2006

Date